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Name of Activity	Rural Development Promotion Programme
Date of Conduction	03-06-2023
Organized by	Gopinathrao Munde National Institute for Rural Development
Student Participated	60

Brief Report

The Rural Development Promotion Program, held on 3rd June, 2023 at the Gopinathrao Munde National Institute of Rural Development (GMNIRD), Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, aimed to address critical issues related to rural development and sustainable growth. The program was a collaborative effort involving academic institutions, political leaders, and local communities, focusing on empowering rural areas through education, policy, and community engagement. The primary objectives of the Rural Development Program were to discuss and develop strategies for sustainable rural development, engage local communities and representatives in identifying and solving rural issues, provide a platform for knowledge exchange between policymakers, academics, and rural representatives, and promote inclusive growth and development in rural areas through collaborative efforts.





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Glimpses from the Rural Development Promotion Program. Active participation from panchayat members was a significant part of the program.





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Key attendees included the Central Cabinet Minister Dr. B. Karad, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Director of GMNIRD, local political leaders, academic luminaries, representatives from Gram Panchayats, university faculty and students, and local community members. The program began with a traditional lamp lighting ceremony, symbolizing the beginning of a new chapter in rural development initiatives. Key activities included a welcome address by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. P. Yeole. Key Note Address by Dr. B. Karad included the government's commitment to rural development, the university's initiatives in rural development, the institute's role in providing education and training in rural development, and its efforts to promote sustainable agricultural practices and rural entrepreneurship. A panel discussion on rural development strategies featured local political leaders, academic experts, and gram panchayat representatives discussing key challenges and opportunities in rural development. Topics covered included sustainable agricultural practices, rural infrastructure development, education and skill development, and rural entrepreneurship and economic development. Interactive sessions were also included, focusing on sustainable agriculture, water management, crop diversification, infrastructure development, education and skill development, and rural entrepreneurship. Community engagement and participation were also key activities, with representatives from various gram panchayats sharing their experiences and challenges in rural development. The event saw active participation from local community members, who added valuable insights and perspectives to the discussions. Key outcomes and takeaways from the program include enhanced awareness and understanding, policy recommendations, strengthened collaboration, an action plan for rural development, and commitment to continuous engagement. Feedback and testimonials from participants were positive, with Gram Panchayat Representatives expressing gratitude for the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions and contribute to the development of their communities. Future plans for the program include implementing identified projects, organizing follow-up events, supporting capacity building, and strengthening partnerships with government agencies, NGOs, and local communities. The GMNIRD plan to implement these projects, conduct regular workshops and seminars to monitor progress, share updates, and engage with rural communities. In conclusion, the Rural Development Program organized by the Gopinathrao Munde National Institute of Rural Development was a significant step towards addressing the critical challenges faced by rural communities. The event highlighted the importance of collaboration, community involvement, and sustainable practices in achieving rural development goals. The insights and ideas generated during the program will guide future initiatives and contribute to the long-term prosperity of rural areas in the region.



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